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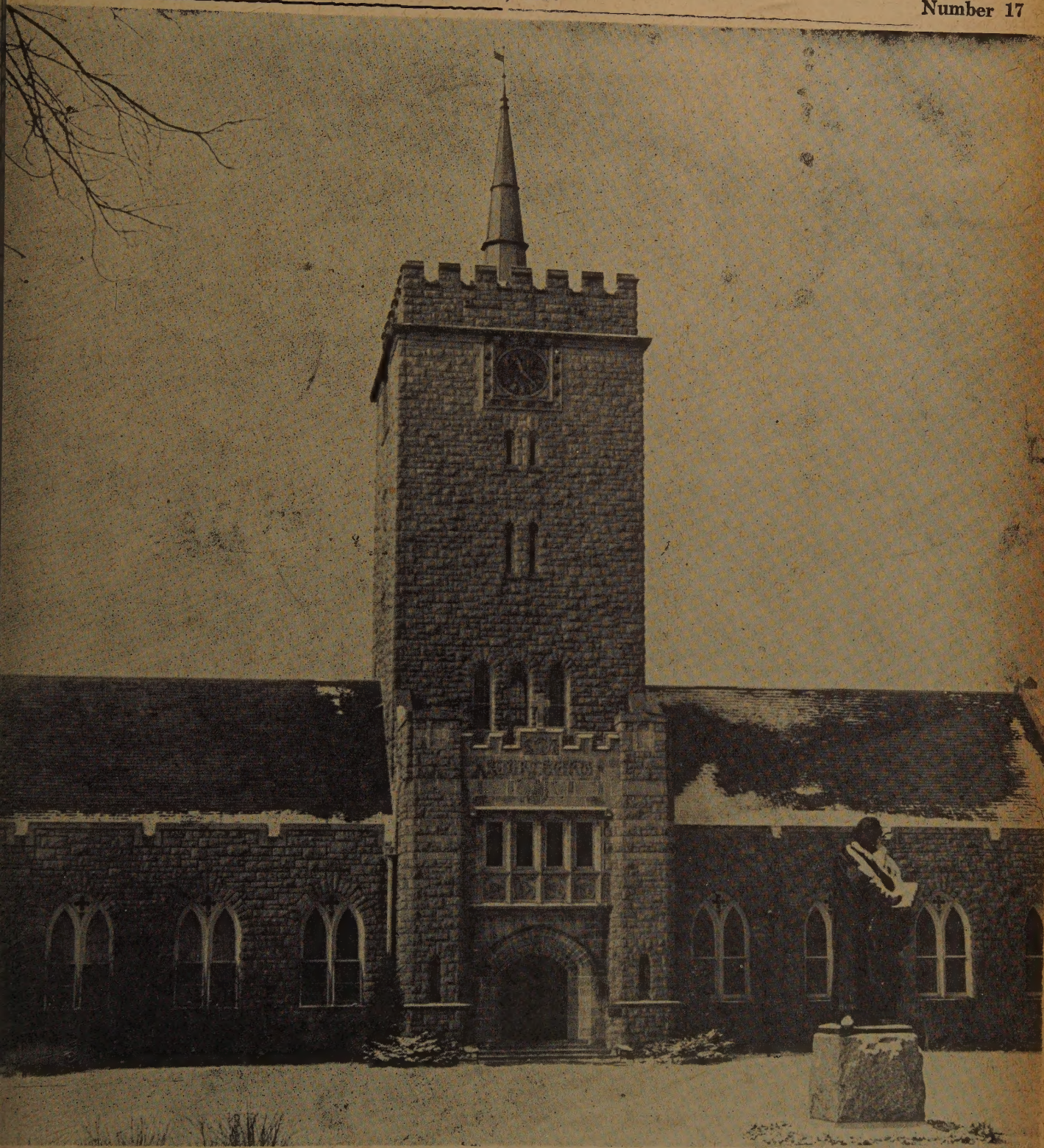
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News and Notes

Salt Lake City, Tabor Lutheran Church, Arthur W. Sorensen, pastor. The congregation celebrated "Loyalty Sunday" on March 31st and the church was filled for this special day. A "Loyalty Banquet" was held in the evening sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and the 100 who attended enjoyed the meal which was prepared and donated by a local restaurant owner and friend of the church. At this banquet the members were informed by lay speakers of the needs of Tabor and the motives and purposes of Christian stewardship in preparation for the every-member visitation for pledges. The "Bond of Love" sealed pledge program as adopted by the committee has been well received by our people.

On April 7th a new pulpit was dedicated marking the completion of the remodeling project. Total cost of the work done was \$1,693.40 and the laymen of the congregation did a good share of the work. Improvements that were made include the joining of the church with the Parish Building by an entrance which necessitated the remodeling of the chancel, sanding of the sanctuary floor, an inside stairway from the sanctuary to the church basement, new linoleum floor in the basement, complete painting of the Parish Building, improvements in the pastor's study and new folding chairs for classrooms and the assembly rooms. The amount of \$900 was granted the congregation from the remaining funds in the Utah Mission to help in this work.

On Easter the congregation began having two services with the addition of the earlier Family Worship Service. Attendance has approximately doubled during recent months and we are optimistic about the future of Tabor. Its witness is carried on in this center of Mormonism highly dominated by those who hold to the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

ALL LUTHERAN ART EXHIBITION

An All Lutheran Art Exhibition will be held in connection with the forthcoming Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Minneapolis, August 15-25, 1957. The exhibition

will be on display in a special gallery in the Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium where the main sessions of the Assembly will take place.

All Lutheran Artists are invited to enter works in the exhibition. Acceptable mediums include: Oil and Watercolor Paintings (including tempera and gouache), Prints, Drawings, Sculpture, and Miscellaneous Medium Combinations. No photographs. Any subject is acceptable. Awards will be given and arrangements made for the purchase of several works. Dr. H. H. Arnason, head of the University of Minnesota Art Department and Director of the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, will serve as judge.

Lutheran colleges throughout the country are cooperating and will serve as receiving centers. **Please Write Mr. Robert Nelson, 915 National Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota, for information and entry blanks. THE DEADLINE is May 1st SO PLEASE HURRY.**

This will be the first large scale exhibition of art by Lutheran artists seen in this country.

W.M.S. Conference in Minneapolis.

The President of the W. M. S. of the West Canada District and the Statistical Secretary for the Synodical W. M. S. journeyed to Minneapolis for the meeting scheduled for March 16. At this meeting, representatives of the women's organizations from each of the merging synods gathered to study the articles and by-laws of the new constitution for the Women of the Church as drawn up by the Joint Union Committee. A very fine banquet was held at Bethel Lutheran Church (ELC) the evening before the meeting and this pleasant and informal gathering was a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with the leaders of the women's groups of each synod. They gave inspiring messages following the banquet and the atmosphere was one of cordial good will and joyful Christian Fellowship. Many were present from Texas, California, Western Canada, Washington, as well as from districts close to Minneapolis.

On Saturday, the meeting was conducted by A. L. C. President Miss Dorothy Haas in a brisk and orderly

manner. The discussions were most interesting and to the point. The constitution as outlined was in general approved, with a few changes and amendments to be made. Until merger actually takes place, the following procedure was suggested.

1. We should make use of each other's personnel, for example invite officers of the A. L. C. or E. L. C. to our local meetings or rallies to speak to us, in order to become acquainted.
2. In 1959 a program will be recommended to use in all "Women of the Church" groups with the Theme "Christ—Head of the Church."
3. We may study the mission field of the other synods.

There were about 80 persons present at the meeting, with 9 representatives of the U.E.L.C. including Rev. William Larsen who acted in place of Dr. Siersbeck as an adviser.

The untimely blizzard made traveling difficult for many, and no doubt prevented some from attending the meeting. Those who were able to come were rewarded by the experience of meeting many fine women of three churches, and look forward to opportunities in the future to know them better.

NEBRASKA W.M.S.

On March 26th the ladies of Mark's Church in St. Paul, Nebraska and St. John's of Cushing, were hostesses for a W.M.S. rally for the Mid-Dist. Circuit of the Nebraska Synod. In the absence of Rev. V. J. Anderson whose father had passed away in Montana, Rev. Viggo Peteresen of Dennebrog was in charge of devotion. Rev. M. G. Christensen of Omaha was the speaker of the morning. His message was on Evangelism. The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Boe of Omaha, president of the W. M. S. She told of the work and where our money is spent. She brought out many interesting facts.

In spite of the snow drifts there was a good attendance of 70. Represented were ladies from Dannebrog, Dannevirke, Farwell, Minden, Creek, Fredericksburg, Cushing, St. Paul. Also Rev. Andersen of Mark's City and Rev. Dohmeier of Minden.

A noon luncheon was served by the ladies of the two churches.

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The New Church

As It Looks to the Editor

1922 I spent most of a night in the British Parliament in London. I got in at eight in the evening and stayed until four o'clock in the morning. It was an all night affair. It was the first time I had ever visited any conference or parliament. Here was Lloyd George, the leader, and here I saw Winston Churchill and Ramsey MacDonald and other great names. They debated all night. But as I came back to that night, I can never forget the little page boys. They ran hither and thither with messages handed to them by the great men. Sometimes these men were impatient and snapped their fingers at the boys, and this made the boys bewildered.

Ever since I became editor I have thought of these page boys. An editor is like a page boy. He gets the messages from the great men, and he has to run with them. Sometimes they snap their fingers at him. Therefore it is with a fear and trembling I appear before you tonight, I feel like a page boy addressing Lloyd George, Winston Churchill and Ramsey MacDonald and other great members.

I was asked to speak about the new church. Let me begin by saying that like some of you I have lived with the new church from the very beginning. Long before the first spadeful for the foundation was turned, I dreamt of it as other Lutheran editors did. Perhaps it is in my blood. I was born in Toledo, Ohio, and I was baptized by a Missouri Lutheran pastor. I went to the School of the Christian Brethren at Wahpeton, N. Dakota (now at Fergus, Minnesota) and I was graduated from their school. I went to Augsburg College of the Lutheran Free Church and graduated from there. I finally got my theological training from U.L.C.A. seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Then I landed in the U.E.L.C. This was fortunate, for we are not a big church. You do not get to feel too important in a little synod. You may even have a tendency to look with a bit of awe toward the bigger bodies. I am sure that the U.E.L.C. members will have very little difficulty in becoming part of the new church. They may have less difficulty than some in the bigger bodies.

Before I go on may I say that I am often asked, "How small that you Danes are so small?" The answer is simply that Danish immigration started 50 years later to the United States than the Norwegian and the Swedish and came much later than the German. So when the Danes came here they were simply swallowed up by the Germans already on hand. As I said I almost got swallowed up myself in Toledo, Ohio, by the Mo. Lutherans.

Just a few moments ago that I have lived with this church from the very beginning. When U. E. L. C. passed the first two motions to build this church, I was invited that I will never forget it. I felt that we were on the right track. This was of God.

During the last nine years, ever since 1948, I have followed the development of this church. It has been like building a house. In 1950 the architects were asked to draw up plans. I have been present at every Joint Union Committee meeting. The members of this committee are architects. First they were 27, then they were 45, now they are 27. We hope before the end of the year, they will again be 36. We have had the same experience as other church builders. Nine men went out and wanted to build another place.

Your editor gave the address at the banquet April 8th, when the district presidents and the joint home mission boards of the three merging churches met at Blair, Nebr. April 8-11. So many requests to print the address have come to us that we do so. The address, however, is abbreviated a little.

It has been a great privilege to see how the church came about under the skilful hands of the architects. As far as I am concerned, the church is already built. I have given many talks to many groups in several of the three bodies about this church. As a matter of fact, I have tried to be a guide taking people through the church. You see, a good architect does not need to see the building as it stands there made out of brick and mortar and stone. He does not need to see the actual partitions inside. He does not get excited about the kitchen furniture and the painters and the plasterers. For the architect sees the church in his spirit. It is a creation. It stands there in all its glory.

It will soon be dedicated. During the few years before the dedication we shall do a little landscaping, put some furniture into it, and put a desk into the pastor's study. We shall buy the collection plates and arrange the kitchen. But these are only minor details. Let us not get too excited about them. The church is a great vision given us by God. It comes out of the hearts and prayers of many people. As I have watched the architects at work I have said to myself time and again: "This is of God." I wish we might all catch this vision and prepare our people accordingly, so that they may really begin to rejoice with us.

Let us look at this church. As you stand there at the door, you read the preamble: "In confident reliance upon the Holy Spirit by whom we are drawn to God and to one another; believing in one universal and holy apostolic church of which Jesus Christ is the Head, mindful of our own inadequacy, but with unwavering conviction concerning the destiny and duty of the Church: We, the congregations which approve this constitution, in order to serve more effectively the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, do now enter into this fellowship to express the unity of faith which exists among us, and we dedicate ourselves anew to proclaim in word and deed, on this continent and throughout the world, the Gospel of forgiveness and life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord."

It touches me every time I read it. This is our Pentecostal dream: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.

There is a certain romance about every Joint Union Committee meeting, and I trust that both the Home Missions Boards and the District Presidents will catch this too. It is not just a building, not just an organization of over 2,000,000 people. It is a modern miracle as Dr. Henry H. Schuh once said at Chicago. We have dreamt dreams in our respective church bodies, yet we have felt as if we had a drag on our feet. This drag will be removed as we enter the new church.

This new church has already done something to us. We have experienced the joy and inspiration of voting for it in our annual conventions. There has been very little of the nostalgic about us. We are ready to die as individual synods in order to live in a fuller sense. If we have any nostalgic sentiments, we shall soon discover the greater opportunities to serve Christ in the new church. In our day and age even 1,000,000 members cannot do what they should do in the line of witnessing to the world. It takes more than that number to maintain an effective program on T.V. and the radio. This is only one example.

Let us look at this great congregation of over 2,000,000 Americans. We are different in many respects. We are different as far as national background is concerned, and we have different traditions. But these differences are just the thing necessary to make us work and make us happy. We have the stern and the conservative, we have the stickler for detail, we have the optimist and the enthusiast. We are all there.

It has been interesting to watch the architects draw up the plans. They came with different backgrounds and traditions and therefore with somewhat set ideas. One man would say this has worked well in his church, so why not in the new? The other man would say that the very opposite had worked well in his church, so why not in the new? We all like to do things the way we are used to doing them. We have a tendency to think that the Lord can work only through our traditional systems. This is always dangerous.

But it was good to see how the architects gradually learned of one another. They learned as we got together that we had to make something new. God guided us. We have grown together as one family during these past years. And when we on the day of dedication of the new church shall sing "A Mighty Fortress" I am sure we shall need no artificial stimulation.

Soren Kierkegaard writes that "once when the prices of spices in Holland went down, the merchants had two cargoes of spices sunk into the ocean in order to raise the prices." We do not need any such stimulation. We need not sink anything into the ocean. Ever since the beginning of these merger talks the prices have been going up all the time. Kierkegaard goes on to say that "What we need is a genuine sincerity which fearlessly points to the tasks before us and lovingly cares for these tasks. This sincerity does not create an unhealthy nervous tension, but it keeps the tasks before us young and beautiful to behold and inviting for all."

I am trying to look at the new church as Kierkegaard looked at the tasks and the ideals of the Christian. This new church on the American scene of Lutheranism is different from other Lutheran bodies. We are one, and yet we are different. It is the way it should be in a good marriage. Have you ever noticed how different people fall in love? The fact that we are different will make the marriage so much happier. We shall supplement one another. I think it is a masterpiece of God that He got us different people together into one body. This bodes well for the future. When we, who are different in so many respects, get together in love, we shall be able to create something in American Lutheranism which will be of great value and blessing to the whole church life in America.

The different backgrounds and views and ideas will create a healthy tension which will make us re-think a number of things. I think we shall have a very rich theological life. I also think we shall have a great deal of freedom. This is necessary in all life, and it will be

necessary because we are different. We must live and live. Here we may think primarily of the two big bodies, but let me say this, that both the L.F.C. and U.E.L.C. will be scattered all over in this new church, there is enough vitality in them to inject a touch of humor and freedom into the whole body.

I have not the time to develop this thought. But a new church will create much new life. We need new wineskins for this life as it develops. You cannot regild old life, so you cannot keep it in the old wineskins.

As we look at the high altar of this church we are reminded of the vision of Ezekiel. The water of life came out from the right side of the altar and it finally became so great a lake, that he could swim in it.

Before we look around in the church let us go up to the tall spire. We can see very far into the horizon there. We first see all our fellow Americans and dedicate ourselves to greater service. We see our fellow Lutherans, the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation hoping to work even better with them in our common tasks. We see our Missouri Brethren and our Brethren in the U.L.C.A. and we believe they will be attracted by the clear tones from our bell. And as we stand there gazing into the distant horizon we see fellow Christians in the World Council of Churches rejoicing; we have a voice and a witness in the whole Christian church on earth.

Now let us take a quick look at the inside of the church with the huge congregation. It has 19 ushers that is 19 district presidents, trying to get us all seated right. This is the job of the ushers. By the way, I think it is a good thing we have such large and powerful districts. Our church is centralized, but these districts located in different parts of the country will have a large voice individually, and will be heard in the whole church.

This church has a very large "crying room." The mission boards reign supreme there. They are the mothers of the babies. We are sure there will be many of them in the new church. It was really interesting to present a short while in the "crying room" today.

But let me sound a warning. We are planning a wedding. The last Joint Union Committee meeting began to discuss the actual place of the wedding, who should be invited, the parade, the wedding march, and who is to say "I love you truly." Yes, we live in great expectation. But there is the danger that we get so wrapped up in the details now that we forget that we are in love and that a wedding is coming. Do not disturb my spirit of joy and romance. The boards and the committees meet. They have so many ideas. Some of you pastors have had wedding rehearsals. You have noticed all the ideas that have been suggested there. So it is here. The women meet. They want this or that in the kitchen. The music department is excited about the music. The statistician may come and make us take such good care of the numbers that a commentary is needed. The men with the finances

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THE NEW TRINITY SEMINARY

Silently the tower opens its sleep-filled eyes to greet the on-rushing dawn. It's a lovely morning on the crest of a tree-covered ridge in Dubuque, Iowa, and the brisk air sends chills up and down the stone backbone of the lofty shaft as it stretches, yawns and prepares for another day. Grossman Tower, the central feature of a sprawling maze of grey stone buildings, is the crown jewel of the Wartburg Theological Seminary campus—and also the new Trinity Seminary.

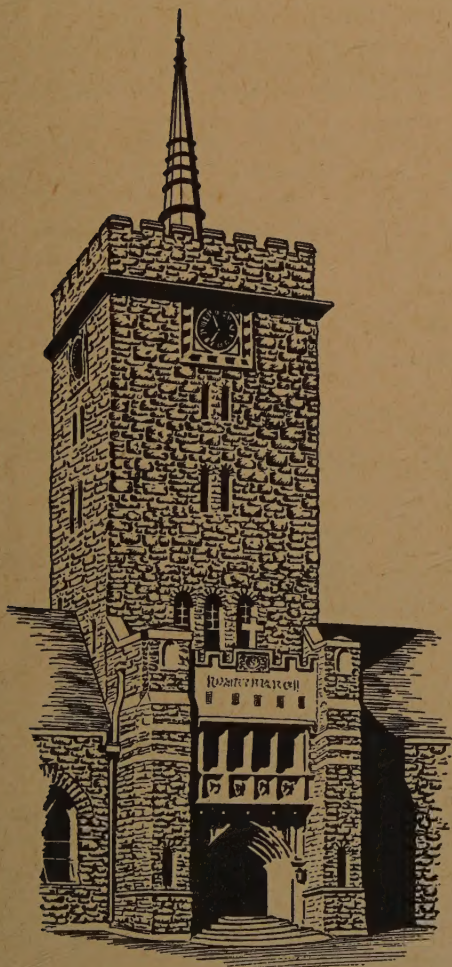
The campus is not new, and the seminary which has been housed here since 1917 is a century old. But to the guest which shares the facilities, faculty and student body of Wartburg it is all very new. Since September, 1956, Trinity Seminary, the theological school of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been enjoying the hospitality of Wartburg and its parent, the American Lutheran Church.

Moved to the Dubuque campus by decision of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church convention, Trinity has had a totally new experience—a refreshing period of readjustment. After having served in one community for over seventy years, it is not easy to pack up one's books and move, because it is to leave behind precious memories, dear friends, and a daughter institution. However, the future does not look bleak; rather it is full of promise: As a separate entity or merged with another institution, those qualities which gave Trinity life, a history of continuous service and a respected name will always endure.

In the atmosphere of a larger, older seminary Trinity has been enjoying the advantages of an enlarged staff. Famous names in American and world Lutheranism dot the roster of Wartburg theologians—Dr. Julius Bodensieck, former Wartburg president and noted church journalist, edits the **Lutheran World Encyclopedia** here; Dr. William E. Hulme, prominent lecturer and author whose most recent work, **Counseling and Theology**, is earning for his seminary added recognition; and Dr. Bernard J. Holm, the seminary president and ranking American Luther scholar—these and others have made Trinity's first year in Dubuque a rich experience. Together with Wartburg's ten professors Trinity's President Theo. I. Jensen, Dr. Paul Nyholm and Dr. Ethan Mengers are able to offer the superior theological training needed for today.

Trinity has blended well into the Wartburg scene, but that does not mean that she is merely a name and no longer a seminary. Her students are under the watchful supervision of the Trinity faculty, which maintains the premise that our seminary exists to supply the ministerial demands of the mother church.

Just what is life like at Trinity, the new Trinity? Come along for a picture window view of the new home of Trinity Seminary in Dubuque—



Dubuque, Iowa



Nearly fifty couples live in the neatly landscaped seminary trailer court. Trailers are student-owned.



Bachelors flourish on food served in Von Schwartz factory. Students serve themselves; eat family style.

TRINITY SEMINARY

AT HOME IN DUBUQUE

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Dubuque, City of Schools

Dubuque is first of all a river town hugging the shore of the Mississippi a city of seven hills that loom above the packing houses, furniture and tractor plants, and on which dwell the 55,000 residents. It is an old, hard working city, but one which bespeaks enthusiasm for education. Here are located many fine educational institutions. Loras and Clark colleges are Catholic schools for men and women, the University of Dubuque is a Presbyterian institution, and there are no less than four seminaries within the city limits—all of which add up to a community of

cultural advancement.

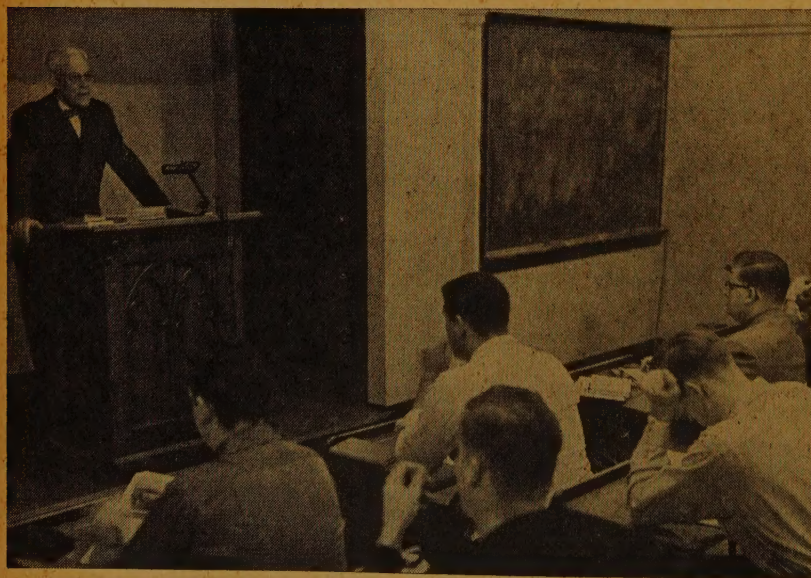
A city of a largely Roman Catholic population, Dubuque is also the home of six Lutheran churches. The Trinity student finds himself confronted with the problem of choosing a "church home" during his stay in Dubuque, and the welcome mat is out at all of them. Although the closest UELC congregation is located many miles away, Trinity students have found warmth and friendship within the sister churches. Some even have accepted responsibilities in the choirs and Sunday schools.

Seminary Day Begins Early

Seminarians are early risers—are

generally up by 6:30, eating breakfast at 7:00, and taking copious notes at 7:40. There is life in the Wartburg Trinity classroom. The professors lecture, but they also invite questions, group discussion and complete participation. A frequent well-timed phrase by Dr. Salzmann or a humorous anecdote by Professor St. makes otherwise heavy material freshening and easy to absorb.

Noted for his congeniality, Dr. Leo succeeds in making even the most palatable. Students appreciate the manner of presenting all sides of points of view in his exegesis course—offering but not forcing knowledge upon them.



Juniors listen to Dr. Bodensieck's first hour lecture. Chapel service is conducted following the first morning class.



Students spend many hours studying in the Library. An addition is planned to accommodate increased enrollment.



Dormitories and Afton Reading Room as seen from tower. Traditionally, every seminarian climbs the tower at least once.

Dr. Reu Remembered

late president of Wartburg, Dr. Reu, is still vividly remembered at his school. Not only is the building named in his honor, but many of the books are still used as standard textbooks at Wartburg and other schools. Emil Matzner, professor of systematic theology, uses Reu's **Dogmatics** and **Ethics**, works which display the keenly mind of a great Lutheran theologian.

Worship services in Loehe Chapel, both in the morning and in the evening are attended by men who sing hymns and chant the psalms with reverence. The students are accompanied by a new \$25,000 Casavant organ, the gift of the 1953 Centennial fund. Seminarians also conduct their own services themselves, combining spiritual refreshment with practical application.

Wednesday is Wartburg's "Sunday." On that day the seminarians wear suits and ties and gather in the chapel where a professor deliver the sermon. The "big meal" of the week makes Wednesday a holiday in midweek.

Variety of Activities

Evening hours are spent in various ways, but there is no lack of things for students to do during spare moments. Television in the snack bar

lounge, basketball in the small gym, ping-pong in the gameroom or long-winded discussions involving many themes absorb the leisure moments. The Dubuque Civic Music Association and the Art Association take the time of the fine arts enthusiasts. YMCA and Boys' Club activities find Wartburg-Trinity athletes at work.

The wives have their own organiza-

tion, the Seminettes, which meets regularly. Faculty wives join in also—often to give points on how to become successful pastors' wives, which is an art in itself.

Government by Committee

The Wartburg-Trinity student body is "government by committee." Everything is handled by student committees.

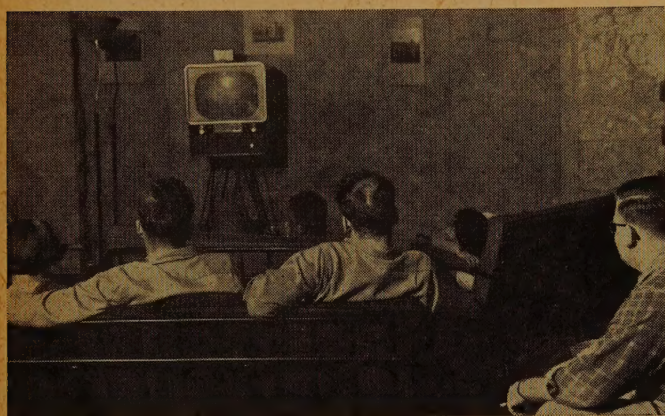
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Wartburg President Holm poses with his colleagues. (L to R) Dr. Holm, Dr. Paul Leo, Prof. Wm. Streng, Dr. Ethan Mengers, Dr. J. Bodensieck; foreground: President T. I. Jensen, Dr. Paul Nyholm, Dr. Wm. Hulme, Dr. Emil Matzner and Dr. Sam Salzmann.



At a Seminettes' project session, wives receive tips on making Communion linens from Mrs. Salzmann.



Televiewing is a popular sparetime entertainment, as are intra-mural sports. Wartburg is the 1957 city league basketball champion.



Pausing between classes are Trinity students (L to R) J. Thomsen, Harold Nelson, Dick Jensen, Ron Christensen and Carl Hansen.

HOW GREAT IS THE NEED?

The one hundred sixty young men who live and work and worship on the Wartburg-Trinity campus are men of serious purpose. Upon each God has laid His hand in a holy calling: "Go, preach the gospel." This is the reason why they have come to the seminary to study for three or even four years after most of their fellow graduates from college are out earning a good salary. They have heard God's call have responded, "Here am I; send me," and are now fitting themselves for that work. That they may become well grounded in the Christian faith they spend much time in common worship and in private meditation. That they may become pastors who know the truth of God and know how to bring this truth to others, they spend these years at hard study in the lecture room and among library books. They want to become workmen who are approved of God and who need not be ashamed, because they know how to handle rightly the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15).

God needs many more men for the gospel ministry, and it could well be that He is trying to get your attention! How can you know? He calls in so many different ways that it is admittedly not always easy to know whether He is calling you.

Usually God calls men to the ministry in much the same way that He calls men into other legitimate walks of life, that is, through natural and ordinary considerations and circumstances. For instance, need. How great is the need? Always there is need for more ministers, but as one looks about it seems that the need is unusually great now. Seldom

have there been so many pulpits without a pastor as there are now. There is a cry for missionaries to foreign fields. There are not enough men to start Christian work in the rapidly expanding housing areas of our large cities. There is a greater call than ever for chaplains in the armed forces, in hospitals and other similar institutions, in industry. It would seem that the Christian young man ought to ask himself whether this situation of need might not be a way of saying to him that He wants him in the ministry. Does he have the physical and intellectual qualifications for this work? Does he have the opportunity for adequate training, and can he provide the necessary means for himself? If the answer is yes, he has further reasons to suspect that God is calling him. And of course God always looks for men who know and love the Lord and who are eager to help others to know and love Him too.

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THE NEW CHURCH

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contract set up before the marriage. The youth may think so much of a great organization that they the little ringbearers and the flower girls, the actual Leaguers. Let us lift our sights. Let us not get trapped up in figures and guarantees that we can't kiss the bride. Solomon says in one very fine passage "us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vineyard, our vineyard is in bloom." True, we want everything decently and in order, but we must not forget the because of the kitchen, the crying room and the youth. They will all be there, so beware of the little foxes now.

vineyard is in bloom.

el like Dr. Edgar Brown who wrote in *The Lutheran* he was a bit impatient with the tendency to put a in every room in the church. We have one high with one cross. Let everything be subservient to that.

these last days of preparation be joyous days. Let member that the wedding is more important than the ration. Let us not forget that after the honeymoon the will work out all things according to the new on. We must trust the couple to do that. They will tolerate too much interference from the in-laws. They not want to be bound too much to the former homes. s right, and it is the will of God for every happy

ore I sit down may I express one personal wish. I like to see the district presidents begin to arrange eographical subdivisions in the districts, the con-es. I know pastors are talking about this. And it be a great help for the new church if the members the conferences could start to have joint meetings r three years before the church really comes into I think of the Luther Leagues, the men's groups, he women's groups as well as of the pastors. This ring the joy we have in the Joint Union Committee to the grass roots level.

me finish with the story of Jacob. He left his home et out for an unknown land. He slept one night in ert with a stone for his pillow. He had a dream. w a ladder reaching heaven and angels going up and the ladder. At the very top was God who spoke to and gave his promise for the future. He said I ot leave you until I have spoken to you.

is also God's promise to us.

n Jacob woke up he said: How awesome is this This is none other than the house of God, and this gate of heaven. Our new church is like the gate ven.

next day Jacob went on his way. And the first e met was his beautiful and beloved Rachel.

k at young Jacob with love and joy and happiness heart.

is the way I look at the new church!

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Letter From Nigeria

Dashen, March 31, 1957

Dear Friends at Home:

It was great to come back to Dashen after my sick-leave in Denmark and later on the plateau here in Nigeria. The 372 miles from Jos to Dashen I drive in my good and trusty Lynn, my Chev pick-up. (What it means to me to have a good, dependable car here in Africa, you cannot guess, but I can assure you I thank you constantly for that car.) I knew there would be no white person to prepare for my coming, as my partner, the Danish nurse, Miss Grening, had left on her delayed furlough in January.

I was rather anxious to see how things looked after the two months' vacancy, especially since it had been impossible to let them know the date of my arrival. What a surprise! Outside everything was raked and tidy, and my boy, Michel, had cleaned the house, boiled drinking water, and lit the refrigerator. He was on the spot, his face outshining his brightly polished tables and chairs. In a few minutes the yard was full of black friends welcoming me back, and others kept dropping in the next days.

It is good to be back, even though it is the hottest season. My heart is filled with joy and praise to God for His infinite mercy and goodness to me, for making me well again and allowing me to come back here where the work is waiting.

(The next part of the letter which Miss Nissen entitles, "Plucked As A Brand Out Of The Fire," impressed me so much that I am saving it for this year's issue of **Christmas Chimes**. Look forward to reading it there. —J.W.N.)

May I thank you all, dear friends, for your love and care expressed in thoughts, letters, and gifts. I cannot thank you enough for what you are and have been to me through the years. I count myself extremely rich and privileged in your partnership and love. May God bless you for it.

The dispensary, to which many of you have given

special gifts, is now under construction. The walls are up and we hope the roof will be on in another few weeks. We have had our first rain of the season, and we are looking apprehensively at every black cloud (the sun-dried mud blocks cannot stand much rain). We shall therefore be very thankful when the last sheet of aluminum is nailed on. The rest can be done later in the rainy season. I have expert help now with supervising the building. Our nearest neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Mussen, have just come back from furlough, and he comes over regularly the 18 miles to help me with the building.

Tomorrow I'm expecting a new group of evangelists, so there will be more to do than I possibly can manage. May I therefore send a greeting this way to all of you who should have a letter.

Gratefully yours,

Margaret Nissen
% S.U.M. Numan, via Jos
Nigeria, West Africa

League Activities At McNabb, Ia

February 24 Youth Sunday was celebrated at Emma Lutheran Church of McNabb. The opening and closing prayers were read by Duane Carr. Walter Sarbo read the Gospel lesson. Piano solos were played by Bert Andersen and Douglas Kuhn. Sermonettes were presented by Patricia Pletsch and Mary Lou Thiel. Ushers were Marilyn Mills and Sharon Grasser.

The recent poll on why youth drop out of league was interesting. This Missouri Lutheran poll, which appeared in the March 18 **Ansgar Lutheran**, mentioned outside interests drew 66% of those who dropped out. In the light of our situation this seems reasonable. Our high school is a small one. Yet it attempts to carry a heavy load of activities which perhaps almost rivals that of a larger school. There are a relatively small number of students to maintain such a load. Then other organizations like 4-H occupy the time of the youth. No doubt we are one of many small rural communities which have many organizations and activities for the youth, but the people who are comparatively small in number. So in order to keep our youth interested in the league we have tried to keep our youth interested in the league. The leaguers themselves, for the most part, plan a schedule of programs for the year and carry it out.

ore likely to be interested in a program which they
elves have chosen.

t of our meetings are begun with a short worship
e. Recently we have been having some interesting
sions. A list of possible topics for the discussions
t around to the youth before the meetings. Then
check off those topics which seem most interesting
m. Recently we talked about the problem "Do
ts Understand Teenagers." In the future we plan
cuss such ideas as "What Is God Like" and Does
Any Good To Pray." A trip to a Lutheran Old
's Home is planned. They have a hayride and a
nger hunt to look forward to. In June our youth,
er with those of the Methodist Church and Quaker
h, are planning to charter a bus and go to a
m in Chicago. At other meetings there will be a
speaker and a treasure hunt.

What Will Fresno Mean?

oming years, what will 'Fresno-1957' mean in the
nd conversation of leaguers who attend?

sant memories of moments enjoyed,

y adventures in travel and fun,

occasion of his commitment to his Lord,

ecision, a call, a promise,

eling of unity, a sense of purpose,

ision, an understanding, a faith.

ause we are convinced that 'Fresno-1957' can
all this to you, we say, "Make every effort to make
Fresno!"

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CAN ANYONE EQUAL THIS?

It looks very much as if the leaguers of Trinity Lu-
theran of Albert Lea are setting some sort of a record in
connection with the International Luther League Con-
vention in Fresno this summer. First reports indicate
that twenty-five or more young people from Albert Lea
will be California-bound in June. How about that! Can
you equal it?

CALIFORNIA—HERE WE COME

Now is the Time to Register, Pray and Prepare

Send registration together with \$5.00 (\$2.50 for leaguers from San Joaquin Valley churches, pastors,
h leaders, and counselors) to: Committee on Registrations, Grace Lutheran Church, 4845 East Tulare,
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BY THE FIRESIDE

LOOKING FOR THE SUNRISE

I'm not looking for the sunset,
As the swift years come and go;
I am looking for the sunrise,
And the golden morning glow,
Where the light of heaven's glory
Will break forth upon my sight,
In the land that knows no sunset,
Nor the darkness of the night.

I'm not going down the pathway
Toward the setting of the sun,
Where the shadows ever deepen
When the day at last is done;
I am walking up the hillside
Where the sunshine lights the way,
To the glory of the sunrise
Of God's never-ending day.

I'm not going down, but upward,
And the path is never dim,
For the day grows ever brighter
As I journey on with Him.
So my eyes are on the hilltops,
Waiting for the sun to rise,
Waiting for His invitation
To the home beyond the skies.
Albert Simpson Reitz

A MAN A DAY

On a stormy Monday morning, after reading and prayer, I ventured to ask Mr. Moody wherein his power lay. (It seemed that every man with whom he spoke on the subject of salvation and becoming a Christian was swept right into the Kingdom. Oh, how I craved this blessing and power!) After putting the question to him he said:

"Bilhorn, I will tell you this much: I made a promise to God, and the rule of my life is, that I would speak to at least one man every day about his soul's salvation."

"I said, 'But, Mr. Moody, the opportunity does not always present itself.'"

"He quickly replied, 'It will if you keep in touch with God and keep your eyes open for the opportunity.'"

—P. Bilhorn, in *The Reaper*

So near, so very near to God,
More near I cannot be,
For in the person of His Son
I am as near as He.

So dear, so very dear to God,
More dear I cannot be,
For the love wherewith He
loves His Son

Is the love He hath for me.

—Selected

I AM THE CHURCH

I am a necessity to all who prize peace, progress and purity.

I am hung about with sweetest memories — memories of beautiful brides; memories of saintly mothers; memories of grandfathers who slowly groped their way down the long, long trail.

I am decked with loving tears, crowned by happy hands, and aided by heroic hearts.

I lift up the fallen, relieve the burdened, strengthen the weak, help the distressed. I show mercy to the man in purple and fine linen, and bestow kindness on the man in homespun and cotton.

I restore to defeated hearts the freshness, the eagerness and the spirit of conquering courage.

I am the Heaven-sent agent through which the divine Christ sends His saving Gospel to sinning, suffering, sordid, selfish souls.

I am calling you!

I Am the Church.

—From Tidings

A COMMON WORD

By Lorie C. Gooding

There is always more than the eye can see,

There is always more than what seems to be,

In a flower, in a bird,

In a song, in a word.

And the commonest words which we hear each day,

Spoken in quiet and casual way,

Are a call, are a cry,

Are an anguished sigh

Sent without tears from a heart

wrung dry,

Are a song of love, are a prayer of need,

Or a psalm of praise, or a statement of creed.

—Gospel Herald

BE SURE YOU ARE WRONG—

Then be willing to back up, even at the expense of your pride.

Remember that an honest admission is better than much stalling.

Take the blame on yourself and make a reputation for courage.

Don't be too proud to take the advice of someone who knows.

Make sure you do not repeat the same error.

Go ahead with the repair bills.

Have no fear that an apology is going to lower your standing in the community.

SPEED IT UP

When someone who lacks initiative is described with the phrase, "She'll never set the Hudson River on fire," the reference is not to a river at all. In medieval times young women before marriage, were expected to have a hope chest with hand-spun linen. And from the side of the rim of a spinning wheel a small round piece of wood, called a tems, projected. When the wheel is in operation the spinner works quickly and steadily the tems creates enough friction to become heated. Hence the expression "She'll never set the tems on fire" referred to a maiden who tackled spinning in hit or miss fashion. In later years the word was thought to refer to the Thames River and when the sentence crossed the ocean the Hudson replaced the Thames.

—The Wall Street Journal

CHOOSE

Annie Winfrey Meek

Worry is a little cloud

That drops across our way

Turns the sunshine into shades

And leaves a mist of gray

Hinders every step we take

And makes each trial ache

Seem a thorny, prickly path

That we are forced to tread

Courage is a jolly friend

That wears a sunny smile

Brings good cheer to every day

And shortens every mile.

Choose you well as on you go

As classmate or as friend

Your choice, you know, will follow you

Even unto the end.

—The Friend

Uncle Henpeck: "You boys of this age want too much money. Do you know what I was getting when I was married to your aunt?"

Nephew: "No, but I'll bet you did either."

In the high school English class the teacher was trying to impress the class with the importance of a vocabulary. He said that if the student took a word and used it ten times it would be his for life.

One girl was heard to murmur "Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom."

Father: "I'm sure our boy didn't inherit all of his silly ideas from me."

Mother: "No, indeed, he doesn't. You still have your complete assurance."

AT HOME IN DUBUQUE
(Continued from page 7)
from raising the flag to sorting mail. It's the student body also publishes the monthly **Ambassador**. It sponsors a weekly radio broadcast, arranges on-campus sports activities, and sends the thirty-six voice students on an annual tour. The students are composed of two

campus: the "Haves" and the "Have Nots." The "Haves" are the married men, many of whom reside in the nicely equipped campus trailer court. And the "Have Nots" are the bachelors who live in the two-room suites in the four dormitories.

Falling Into the Wartburg Stride
Always looking to the future, Wart-

burg is planning to break ground soon for a new married students apartment house and additions to Fritschel Hall and the Reu Memorial Library. Wartburg is taking giant strides into the new church, and along with it goes a smaller, younger sister, Trinity. The two seem very pleased; the future looks bright.

The Annual Convention

"AN INVITATION"

"Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2219 Washington Ave., (corner of Taylor Ave.), Racine Wisconsin sends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates, and visitors to attend the 61st Annual Synodical Convention held in Racine June 13 to 18, 1957.

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Pastor L. M. Andersen
Herbert A. Christensen
President of the congregation

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	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	P st F
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Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, April 20, 1957.

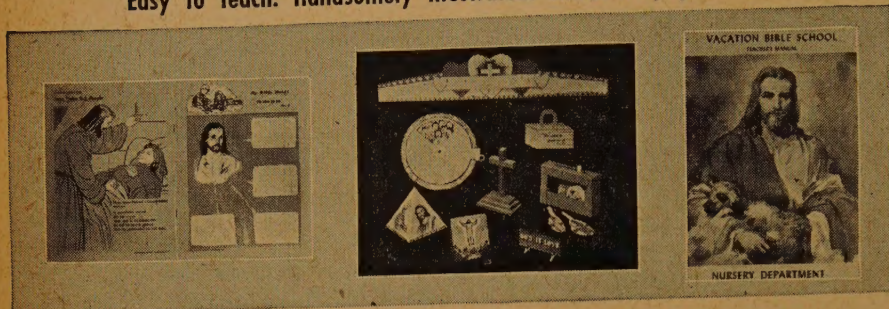
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